UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA   :   Hon. William H. Walls
                                         Crim. No. 12-494
            v.   :
                                         CONTINUANCE ORDER
EDWIN MERCEDES   :

            This matter having come before the Court on the joint

application of Paul J. Fishman, United States Attorney for the

District of New Jersey (by David L. Foster, Assistant U.S.

Attorney), and defendant Edwin Mercedes (by Dennis McAlevy, Esq.)

for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the

above-captioned matter, and each of the defendants being aware

that he has a right to have the matter brought to trial within 70

days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of

this court pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code,

Section 3161(c)(1), and as the defendant has consented to an

additional continuance, and for good and sufficient cause shown,

            IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should

be continued for the following reasons:

            1. Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and

both the United States and the defendant desire additional time

to finalize a plea agreement, which would render trial of this
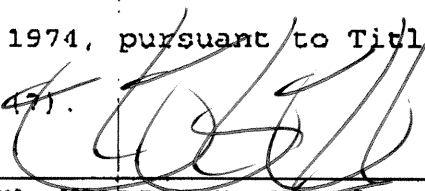
matter unnecessary;

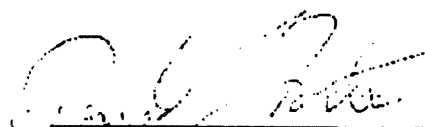2.   Defendant has consented to the aforementioned continuance; and

3.   Pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.
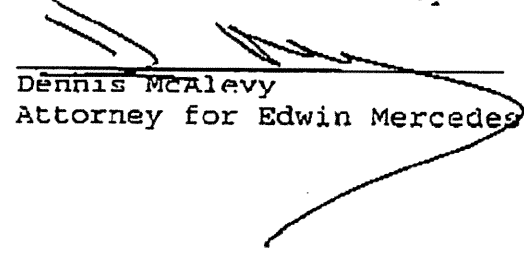
WHEREFORE, on this ____18____ day of June, 2013,

IT IS ORDERED that defense motions shall be filed by July 31, 2013, the government's reply shall by filed by August 29, 2013, oral argument (if necessary) on September 5" 2013, and the trial is scheduled for September 6, 2013; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period from June 12, 2013, through September 6, 2013, shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)47).

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HON. WILLIAM H. WALLS
United States District Judge

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David Foster
Assistant U.S. Attorney

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Dennis McAlevy
Attorney for Edwin Mercedes